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Gary Stephen Gaulin (GaryGaulin@aol.com) writes:

I have spent thousands of hours trying to bring a FM educational broadcast service to my community but unfortunately I am not rich and could never afford the million+ dollars required to buy a station. After a decade of waiting for the low power services now being considered, I find that the "industry" has filled every void in the broadcast band by filling them with FM translators. In my community, WPVQ is the biggest offender, now operating on three frequencies, when their primaray frequency is more than adaquate.

The entire process by which FM licenses are granted is unethical and a danger to the public. New services, which the FCC is mandated to bring to the public, are purposly being kept off the air by tricky legal manuvvers from existing broadcast services. I think this is a criminal act, and the mass-media bureau is playing games in order to protect the "status-quo".

Since I know you are a man of candor, I thought you would be able to relate to my frustration and possibly do something about it. People like me are powerless because we do not have authorization for a channel and thus have to go by a different set of rules. And even if we change the rules to level the playing field, the industry will render the effort useless.

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